

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated September 12, 2005. Claims 25 to 34 and 44 to 52 are in the application, of which Claims 25 and 44 are independent. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Applicants thank the Examiner for his continued indication that Claims 25 to 34 and 44 to 52 are allowed.

Claims 53 to 55 and 60 to 68 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over U.S. Patent 5,978,563 (Kawamoto). Without conceding the correctness of this rejection, Claims 53 to 55 and 60 to 68 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter, in an effort to obtain an earlier allowance of the subject application and to expedite issuance. It is Applicants' current intention to file a divisional application directed to the substance of these rejected claims. Accordingly, this should be viewed as a traversal of the rejections.

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